

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (*Currently Amended*): A traction sole overshoe comprising:

an upper defining a shoe entry opening;

a sole attached to said upper and having a lower surface; and

disperse traction material imbedded in said sole and extending downwardly from the lower surface of said sole, said disperse traction material being selected from the group consisting of sand, crushed rock, crushed porcelain, crushed sea shells, ~~crushed nut shells,~~ and combinations thereof;

said upper being made of flexible elastic material.

Claim 2 (*Canceled*)

Claim 3 (*Previously Presented*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 1, said disperse traction material being molded within said rubber material so as to be imbedded therein, said rubber material being Latex.

Claim 4 (*Original*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 3, said upper being made of an elastic material selected from the group comprising spandex, rubber, elastic Nylon, and other elastic cloth.

Claim 5 (*Original*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 4, further comprising lateral chain segments imbedded in said lower surface of said sole.

Claim 6 (*Original*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 4, said sole being formed in a toe and heel configuration.

Claim 7 (*Original*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 1, wherein said upper is a full upper defining a selectively opening and closing slit opening said upper having a fastener mounted thereto for selectively opening and securing said slit opening, said fastener being selected from the group comprising hook and loop material, snaps, buckles, laces, and zippers.

Claim 8 (*Original*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 7, wherein said slit opening is an overlap slit having mating hook and loop strips therealong which are separated for shoe entry and joined for securing said full upper overshoe on said shoe for use.

Claim 9 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 7, wherein said slit opening is an overlap slit separating said upper into first and second sides, said first side having a lateral strap extending therefrom over said second side, said lateral strap having a strip of loop material thereon, said second side having a strip of hook material mating with said strip of loop material, said lateral strap being separable from said second side for shoe entry and securable to said second side during use upon mating of said strips of hook and loop material mating and closing said slit.

Claim 10 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 7, in combination with a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or rollable into a compact shape for stowing a pair of said overshoes therein.

Claim 11 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 1, wherein said upper is a slipper upper having a shoe entry opening extending around said overshoe so as to receive the lower portion of a shoe.

Claim 12 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 11, said upper being sufficiently flexible and elastic so as to be securely mounted on a shoe by being stretched over the toe and heel of the shoe and being dismountable from the shoe by grasping and stretching said upper and pulling downward from the heel and then forward from the toe of the shoe.

Claim 13 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 12, in combination with a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or rollable into a stowable compact shape for stowing a pair of said overshoes therein.

Claim 14 (*Original*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 6, wherein said upper is a full upper defining a selectively opening and closing slit said upper having a fastener mounted thereto for selectively opening and securing said slit, said fastener being selected from the group comprising hook and loop material, snaps, buckles, laces, and zippers.

Claim 15 (*Original*): The traction sole overshoe of claim 14, wherein said slit opening is an overlap slit having mating hook and loop strips therealong which are separated for shoe entry and joined for securing said full upper overshoe on said shoe for use.

Claim 16 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 14, wherein said slit opening is an overlap slit separating said upper into first and second sides, said first side having a lateral strap extending therefrom over said second side, said lateral strap having a strip of loop material thereon, said second side having a strip of hook material mating with said strip of loop material, said lateral strap being separable from said second side for shoe entry and securable to said second side during use upon mating of said strips of hook and loop material mating and closing said slit.

Claim 17 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 6, wherein said upper is a slipper upper having a shoe entry opening extending around said overshoe so as to receive the lower portion of a shoe.

Claim 18 (*Original*): The traction overshoe of claim 17, in combination with a compact storage bag, wherein said overshoe is foldable or rollable into a stowable compact shape for stowing a pair of said overshoes therein.

Claims 19-20 (*Canceled*)

Claim 21 (*New*): The traction overshoe of claim 1, wherein the disperse traction material further comprises crushed nut shells.